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COUNTERMEASURE FOR HYBRID VEHICULAR DRIVE SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2005, Applicants hereby elect the species A, Figures 1-13 for prosecution in the subject application. Claims 1-8, 10-20, 22 and 23 are readable on the elected species. The Examiner has indicated that Claims 1 and 14 are generic.

Applicant, of course, reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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